IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

WRIT PETITION No. 19759 of 2005

Between:

Smt. Sangeeta Rani

..... PETITIONERS

AND

Central Power Distribution Company

of A.P. Ltd., (Sough Circle), Hyderabad

and 2 others

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Seeking a Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in levying surcharge in respect of service connections bearing No.D1-6531 and D1-6532 for a sum of Rs.2,13,752/- and Rs.1,85,615/- respectively, as illegal and arbitrary, the present writ petition is filed.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents.

The learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the petitioners are owners of the premises mentioned in the writ petition and the premises were let out to the tenants and the tenants are only liable to pay the electricity charges as claimed by the respondents but not the petitioners.

The learned standing counsel for the respondents opposed the same on the ground that as the petitioners are the owners of the premises, they are liable to pay the electricity charges.

Admittedly, the service connections stand in the name of the petitioners only. Therefore, they are bound to pay the electricity charges. If the petitioners are disputing about the imposition of surcharge amount for late payment, they can raise an objection before the appropriate authority. If the tenants utilized the electricity, it is for the petitioners to take appropriate action against the tenants for recovery of the same. The writ petition is devoid of merits and liable to be dismissed.

Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed. No order as to costs.

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K.C. BHANU,J

Dated: 08.09.2005

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